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SUBJECT: Request for PL Export Transaction Check on Shipment of Marine Diesel Engine to Mariano Roldan, Avenida 2, Calocan, Rizal, Philippines

HFC Case No. 740514. According to a WTD information sheet supplied the Embassy on July 26, 1955, Mariano N. ROLDAN operates a fleet of fishing boats under the firm name MARCEL ENTERPRISE (not to be confused with MARCELO ENTERPRISES). The concern was established in 1949 and its gross sales for 1954 were \$86,500 with a stated net profit of \$8,400.

Mr. Roldan, who called at the Embassy accompanied by a member of the local office of ATKINS, KROLL & CO., said that his fleet numbers six boats, all equipped with diesel engines and all operating except the Marcel VIII, which awaits the engine under order. This craft is equipped with a Japanese 550 H.P. engine, and the plan is to replace the Japanese engine with the used Atlas Imperial engine supplied by Atkins, Kroll. The total order, he said, is nearer \$10,000 than the \$4,945 stated in the reference Department telegram, but this difference may be attributable to transportation and insurance costs. The Marcel VIII, according to a certificate of ownership exhibited by Mr. Roldan, was built of wood in 1952, gross tonnage 98.96, net tonnage 41.61.

Marcel Enterprises, Mr. Roldan went on, has an Old Producer's allocation of \$7,000 per semester but obtained an extra \$3,000 to place this order. He claimed that he has previously imported diesel spare parts through Atkins, Kroll and WALTER W. JOHNSON COMPANY, San Francisco.

ACTION RECOMMENDED. No objection is seen to favorable action.

For the Ambassador:

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